

Association of Ohio Recyclers Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2022

Location: Zoom

Attending: John Woodman, Erin Oulton, Molly Kathleen, Carol Giulitto, Matthew Hittle, Sarah Neltner, Mary Copenbaker, Brad Petry, Ken Lewis and Michael Darling

Call to order: John called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

Minutes for the May 2022 meeting: Minutes were reviewed. Brad made a motion to approve the May minutes. Carol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved on voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report for the previous month was presented. and discussed. Michael moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for May. Mary seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report was approved on voice vote.

Action Items from last month's meeting:

John- Reach out to Brandy Snell at Lorain County. Did not hear back.

Molly/Carol- Verify email matrix forwarding. It is working.

Matt- Research any available discounts for the Columbus Zoo. Did not find any.

Michael- follow up with Columbus Zoo for Water's Edge conference room availability for October 18, 2022 AOR workshop. Need to do.

Matt- Review Governance Committee structure in the strategic plan. Done. John will send revised plan to board for review.

John- research Board Member Acknowledgement document. Will forward to the group.

Abby/Brad/Mary/Sarah- Schedule Events meeting (include entire Board). Need to do.

Brad- Schedule Strategic Planning (member development) meeting for entire Board. Need to do.

Ken- Provide Molly company bio for Member Spotlight in the next AOR newsletter. Done.

Brad- Follow up with Artistic Inspirations LLC to confirm what the \$300 deposit covers. Will discuss today.

Matt- Forward logo proposal to the Board upon receipt. Did not receive it.

Molly/Ken- E blast Food Institute Grant information (Styrofoam recycling). Might be closed for this year. Ken will forward info.

Brad- sent Zoom invite for next monthly Board meeting. Done.

Brad agreed to record the action items for the meeting.

Committee Updates:

Strategic Planning: John will send revised version of the strategic plan to the board for review [action item]

Governance Committee – no updates

Communications and Programming – Eblast to be sent

Events and Programming – The group discussed options for the one-day workshop that would be the AOR “conference” for the year. The theme being considered is the “end use of materials”. Further consideration of the dates was discussed with other conferences in mind. It is likely to settle on October 18th which coincides with what would be our board meeting date. Michael will check that the zoo has the conference room available on that date [action item].

Relating to the Rumpke Tour next month, Sarah is to send the safety information to Molly to include in communication regarding the event. [action item]

It was also noted that the group need to meet this month [action item].

Finance – Excellent return rate on membership renewal.

Old/New Business:

Relating to a memorial gift for Dan Billman, it is recommended that they would like contributions to go to the Animal Protection League. John made a motion to make a contribution to the organization in the amount of \$100. Brad seconded the motion. Motion carries on voice vote. Carol will send a check [action item].

John provided an update on next year’s Partners’ Conference. The conference is likely to held in the fall and they are looking at venues in the Hamilton County area. Mary said she would look into potential venues.

It was recommended that we open a second round for our grant program, likely to be opened in August. Brad made a motion to open a second round with the maximum amount increase to \$1,000 per grantee. Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed on voice vote. It was mentioned that the grant cycle may want to allow expenditures up to June 30, 2023.

Relating to the logo redesign, there were some questions on clarifying the amounts of \$300 versus \$60/hr. shown. Since we only have the one proposal and the money was approved in the budget, we can move forward with it. Brad will ask for a formal version of the contract and have John sign it if needed.

For the roundtable discussion, Matt mentioned the upcoming Drop off contamination project with The Recycling Partnership. Ken indicated his company has invested in new equipment, including a trailer and a cold compactor which doubles capacity. A November tour was mentioned as a possibility.

Next Meeting: July 19th at Rumpke Columbus.

Adjourned at 11:59 am.

Submitted by Matthew Hittle, Secretary, Association of Ohio Recyclers